

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONSOLIDATED AUDIT TRAIL OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the status of the Consolidated Audit Trail, after receiving testimony from Shelly Bohlin, FINRA CAT, LLC, Rockville, Maryland; Judy McDonald, Susquehanna International Group, LLP, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the CAT NMS LLC Advisory Committee; and Michael J. Simon, Consolidated Audit Trail, LLC, New York, New York.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Oceans, Fisheries, and Weather concluded a hearing to examine research and innovation, focusing on ensuring America's economic and strategic leadership, after receiving testimony from Diane Souvaine, National Science Board, Alexandria, Virginia; David Shaw, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State; Sethuraman Panchanathan, Arizona State University, Tempe; and Rebecca M. Blank, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

EFFORTS TO INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international efforts to increase energy efficiency and opportunities to advance energy efficiency in the United States, after receiving testimony from Daniel Bresette, Environmental and Energy Study Institute, and Jennifer Layke, World Resources Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Brian Motherway, International Energy Agency, Paris, France; and W. Scott Tew, Ingersoll Rand Center for Energy Efficiency and Sustainability, Davidson, North Carolina.

SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Turkey's offensive in northeast Syria, after receiving testimony from James F. Jeffrey, Special Representative for Syria Engagement and Special Envoy to the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, and Matthew A. Palmer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, both of the Department of State.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joshua A. Deahl, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, Deborah J. Israel and Andrea L. Hertzfeld, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Robert Anthony Dixon, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Department of Justice, after the nominees, who were introduced by Representative Holmes Norton, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SANCTUARY JURISDICTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine sanctuary jurisdictions, focusing on the impact on public safety and victims, after receiving testimony from Timothy S. Robbins, Acting Executive Associate Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; R. Andrew Murray, United States Attorney, Western District of North Carolina, Department of Justice; Mary Ann Mendoza, Angelfamilies.com, Mesa, Arizona; and Andy Harvey, Palestine Police Department, Palestine, Texas.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4778–4800; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 651 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1123, to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the eastern judicial district of Arkansas, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–248);

H.R. 1305, to implement the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–249, Part 1);

H.R. 1225, to establish, fund, and provide for the use of amounts in a National Park Service and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Indian Education, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–250, Part 1);

H.R. 835, to impose criminal sanctions on certain persons involved in international doping fraud conspiracies, to provide restitution for victims of such conspiracies, and to require sharing of information with the United States Anti-Doping Agency to assist its fight against doping, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–251, Part 1);

H.R. 2426, to amend title 17, United States Code, to establish an alternative dispute resolution program for copyright small claims, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–252); and

H. Res. 650, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4617) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Federal campaigns to detect and report such acts, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–253).

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Marilyn Monroe Harris, First Baptist Church of Teaneck, Teaneck, NJ.

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Corporate Transparency Act of 2019: The House passed H.R. 2513, to ensure that persons who form corporations or limited liability companies in the United States disclose the beneficial owners of those corporations or limited liability companies, in order to prevent wrongdoers from exploiting United States corporations and limited liability companies for criminal gain, to assist law enforcement in detecting, preventing, and punishing terrorism, money laundering, and other misconduct involving United States corporations and limited liability companies, by a yea-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 577.

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Rejected the Davidson (OH) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with

instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 197 yeas to 224 noes, Roll No. 576. **Pages H8368–70**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–247, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

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Agreed to:

Hill (AR) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–247) that requires FinCEN to develop a regime by which entities may gain access to the beneficial ownership database. Amendment also requires FinCEN to report to Congress annually on: the number of times law enforcement, banks, or other third parties have accessed the beneficial ownership database; the number of times the database was inappropriately accessed; and the number of subpoenas obtained to gain access to the database;

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Brown (MD) amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–247) that adds refresher training no less than every 2 years for local, Tribal, State, or Federal law enforcement agencies who have access to beneficial ownership information to ensure the privacy of beneficial owners;

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Burgess amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–247) that requires an annual report to Congress of anonymized data on the number of beneficial owners per reporting corporation or LLC, the industry of each reporting corporation or LLC, and the location of the beneficial owners (by a recorded vote of 395 yeas to 23 noes, Roll No. 573); and

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Carolyn B. Maloney (NY) amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–247) that ensures FinCEN may use the information obtained by this bill to notify industry and the public about criminal trends, while maintaining safeguards on personal privacy (by a recorded vote of 235 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 574).

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Rejected:

Davidson (OH) amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–247) that sought to strike the bill's reporting mandate on small businesses, terminates the Customer Due Diligence Rule, and requires Treasury to conduct a study about all existing federal information databases available to law enforcement to discern the beneficial ownership of companies (by a recorded vote of 166 yeas to 258 noes, Roll No. 575).

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H. Res. 646, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2513) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 572,

after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 571.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Rodchenkov Anti-Doping Act of 2019: H.R. 835, amended, to impose criminal sanctions on certain persons involved in international doping fraud conspiracies, to provide restitution for victims of such conspiracies, and to require sharing of information with the United States Anti-Doping Agency to assist its fight against doping; Pages H8339–45

Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement Act of 2019: H.R. 2426, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to establish an alternative dispute resolution program for copyright small claims, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 578; Pages H8345–53, H8370–71

National POW/MIA Flag Act: S. 693, to amend title 36, United States Code, to require that the POW/MIA flag be displayed on all days that the flag of the United States is displayed on certain Federal property; Pages H8354–55

Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act: H.R. 724, amended, to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code; Pages H8355–57

Divisional Realignment for the Eastern District of Arkansas Act of 2019: H.R. 1123, to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the eastern judicial district of Arkansas; Pages H8357–58

Georgia Support Act: H.R. 598, amended, to support the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Georgia; Pages H8358–62

Calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence of wrongdoing or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan: H. Res. 552, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence of wrongdoing or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan; and Pages H8362–64

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the execution-style murders of United States citizens Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi in the Republic of Serbia in July 1999: H. Con. Res. 32, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the execution-style murders of United States citizens Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi in the Republic of Serbia in July 1999. Pages H8364–65

Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of

Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Representative Cunningham. Page H8358

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo is to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2019—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–75). Page H8315

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8307.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8314–15, H8315, H8366, H8366–67, H8367–68, H8369–70, H8370, and H8370–71. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REALIZING THE CONSERVATION BENEFITS OF PRECISION AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing entitled “Realizing the Conservation Benefits of Precision Agriculture”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SHIP AND SUBMARINE MAINTENANCE: COST AND SCHEDULE CHALLENGES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Ship and Submarine Maintenance: Cost and Schedule Challenges”. Testimony was heard from James F. Geurts, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, U.S. Department of the Navy; and Vice Admiral Thomas J. Moore, Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, U.S. Department of the Navy.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Human Services held a hearing entitled “Long Over Due: Exploring the Pregnant Workers' Fairness Act (H.R. 2694)”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Nadler and public witnesses.

THE END OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING? A REVIEW OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S PLANS TO CHANGE HOUSING FINANCE IN AMERICA

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The End of Affordable Housing? A Review of the Trump Administration's Plans to